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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN CASAMANCE

1. DURING CALL ON GOS MIN INTERIOR JEAN COLLIN JAN 8, I ASKED WHETHER DIPLOMATS STILL REQUIRED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO VISIT CASAMANCE BY ROAD NOW THAT GUINEA-BISSAU IS INDEPENDENT. COLLIN PAUSED, THEN REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. PROBLEM NOW IS NOT MILITARY BUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL. SENEGAL NOW BEING INUNDATED WITH GUINEA-BISSAU REFUGEES WHO FEAR THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH FORMER COLONIAL REGIME MAKES THEM TARGETS FOR PAIGC REPRISALS. GOGB CLAIMS THESE PERSONS HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, BUT ACCORDING TO COLLIN, SOME 15,000 ARE IN CATEGORY WHO HAVE ALREADY OR ARE CONSIDERING ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS AND NEITHER GOS NOR GOGB CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING FRONTIER.

2. COLLIN SAID THERE WERE NO BORDER PROBLEMS AT PRESENT WITH GUINEA-CONAKRY. MEDIA ATTACKS OF SENEGAL HAD SLACKENED OFF AND FRENCH WERE ACTIVELY SEEKING TO REPAIR GOF-GOG RELATIONS. SURPRISINGLY,
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PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY HAD SENT SEKOU TOURE

TELEGRAM OF CONGRATULATIONS ON LATTER'S RECENT
REELECTION. COLLIN FELT, HOWEVER, GOS-GOG RELATIONS
WERE EASIER WHEN TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO DISAGREE THAN
WHEN THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE NORMAL, ONLY TO BE
IRRITATED BY PRESIDENT TOURE'S SMALLEST PIQUE.
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